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Subject: PSIO SITREP UPDATE #2 – 5 Feb 2022 – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Activity

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UPDATE #2

DATE/TIME: February 5, 2022 @ 1400 hrs

PURPOSE: To provide aggregated situational awareness regarding “Freedom Convoy” solidarity activity impacting Alberta.

BACKGROUND: No Change

CURRENT STATUS:

Coutts Border Crossing

- Protest activity at CheckPoint 10 (18 km North of Coutts on Hwy 4) growing in size. As of 12:40 hrs, RCMP advise “hundreds” of protesters have been arriving. Vehicle traffic backed up over 2 km. Estimate upwards of 1000 protesters present, including a small number on horseback.
- RCMP have set up another Check Point north of CP10 as a deterrence point to advise protesters that they are entering an illegal protest area.

Alberta Legislature / McDougall Centre

- As of 13:08, EPS report:
 - Peaceful crowd of 1000 and growing at the Legislature.
 - Traffic around the Legislature still flowing freely.
 - One counter protestor at the plaza realized he was outmanned and left the area.
 - “Don’t tread on me” flags spotted headed to the Legislature.
- Sheriffs report loud convoy elements snaking around Legislature (south on 109 Street, then under the tunnel and around).
- EPS have closed 99 Ave and 109 Street.
- There has been some counter protest tossing eggs at crowds.

- Speakers have started at 109 st site.
- ETS has removed all buses off of 109 st.

City of Edmonton & Environs

- As of 13:08 hrs, EPS report:
 - 2500 convoy vehicles now in the City, with a minimum of 1000 more to come.
 - Goal of the convoy appears to be to gridlock the city.
 - EPS air assets (AIR1) still down.
- As of 12:30 hrs, Edmonton EOC report:
 - Barrhead and Acheson convoys merged and heading into the city with approx 1250 vehicles.
 - Leduc convoy with approx 350 vehicles waited for the Blackfalds and Ponoka convoys to catch up before heading into city.
 - Lloydminster convoy was approaching Vegreville to merge with that convoy, approximately 150 vehicles total.
 - Some chatter heard about finding Major Sohi and Premier Kenney's addresses. No indications they currently have the addresses.

City of Calgary & Environs

- No updates at this time.

Regional Municipalities / Rural

- RCMP report group from Crossfield with 300+ veh moving up from the south
- 200+ veh are at Acheson staging now.

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy 2022"

- Ottawa Freedom Convoy has launched a new funding platform on GiveSendGo following their issues with GoFundMe. Currently at \$1.1 million.

Other Provinces / National

- Media reporting a Manitoba man is in custody after Winnipeg Police allege he drove his vehicle into a group of protesters who are part of the Freedom Convoy movement taking place outside the MB Legislative building at approx 22:00 hrs on Fri 4 Feb.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Justice & Solicitor General (JSG):

- No Change.

Transportation (TRAN):

- No change

Municipal Affairs:

- A request for federal logistic assistance has been submitted. Awaiting response from GoC.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation (JEI):

- No Change

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development (AFRED):

- Confirmed - livestock can cross at Regway, SK/Raymond, MT if the carrier makes arrangements with the US veterinarian.

ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Some elements are discussing attendance at homes of public officials.
- Estimated aggregate of 3500 vehicles involved in various convoys converging on Legislature.
- Indicators are that activity remains peaceful at this time.

FORECAST:

- Protest numbers at the Legislature are likely to peak later than anticipated. Disruptions likely to extend well beyond 1800 hrs in Edmonton area.

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